

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

EO 98-01

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME — GREETINGS:

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO CREATE THE GOVERNOR'S YOUTH BOARD TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT ISSUES INVOLVING THE YOUTH OF ARKANSAS RELATING TO DRUG USE PREVENTION AND THE PREVENTION OF YOUTH CRIME.

WHEREAS, in response to the alarming number of youths using drugs and involved in crime the Governor's Youth Board is being formed. Far too many of our young people are choosing a life of drug use and crime, and far too many of our children are being victimized by drug use and violence in our schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Youth Board will raise awareness about issues to existing government entities, empower youth to provide leadership, enhance government policies toward youth issues, and will give insight on the development of legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Youth Board will include youth from diverse areas of the state and walks of life, to develop a "whole community" approach to juvenile drug use and youth crime prevention; and

WHEREAS, this recommendation recognizes that Arkansas's young people are the state's most precious resource and, as such, are a necessary and vital force in the process of change; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Youth Board can assist state policy makers in defining and articulating the issues surrounding drug use and violence prevention and intervention, as well as forging a partnership between our young people. The Governor's Youth Board can foster a better understanding among adults as to the complex issues facing young people today, and will give our youth a voice in developing policy that affects their lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Huckabee, Governor of the State of Arkansas, acting under the authority vested in me, do hereby order and commission the following:

There is hereby created the "Governor's Youth Board," which will be comprised of 22-25 members between the ages of 16-20, who have demonstrated an interest in the issues surrounding the prevention of drug use and crime among youths.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed at the Capitol in Little Rock this 10th day of February in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred ninety-eight.



GOVERNOR MIKE HUCKABEE

SECRETARY OF STATE SHARON PRIEST